or identification service shall be effective upon such oral or written notification, whichever is earlier, to the operator of the plant. If such notification is oral, the Administrator shall confirm such decision and the reasons therefor. in writing, as promptly as circumstances permit, and such written confirmation shall be served upon the operator of the inspected plant, in the manner prescribed in §1.147(b) of the rules of practice (7 CFR 1.147(b)). In other cases, prior to the institution of proceedings for any withdrawal or suspension, the facts or conduct which may warrant such action shall be called to the attention of the operator in writing and he shall be given an opportunity to demonstrate or achieve compliance with the requirements of the regulations in this part and instructions and directions issued there-

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#### APPEALS

# § 355.39 Appeals from decisions made under this part.

Any appeal from a decision by an employee of the Program shall be made to his immediate superior having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the appeal.

### REPORTS

### § 355.40 Plants to furnish information for reports.

Each day the operator of every inspected plant shall furnish the inspector assigned to that plant with a statement of the number of pounds of product certified by the inspector.

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MULE MEAT AND ANIMAL FOOD, MULE MEAT BY-PRODUCT

## § 355.41 Antemortem and postmortem inspection for mules.

(a)(1) An antemortem examination and inspection shall be made of all mules about to be slaughtered for use in the preparation of products under this part, before their slaughter shall be allowed for such use. Such inspection shall be made on the day of slaughter.

(2) Mules found on such inspection to show symptoms of disease shall be set apart and slaughtered separately. Those found to be affected with strangles, purpura hemorrhagica, azoturia, infectious equine encephalomyelitis, toxic encephalomyelitis (forage poisoning), infectious anemia (swamp fever), dourine, acute influenza, generalized osteoporosis, glanders, farcy, or other malignant disorder, acute inflammatory lameness or extensive fistula, shall be condemned and destroyed. Any mule which is suspected on antemortem inspection of being infected with glanders shall be tested with mallein, and any mule which on physical examination is suspected of being affected with dourine shall be held for further examination or for such test as the Administrator may prescribe.

(b) (1) A careful postmortem examination and inspection shall be made of all carcasses and parts thereof of all mules inspected under this section, at the time of slaughter. All carcasses and parts of mules found to be affected with any disease listed under paragraph (a) of this section shall be condemned and destroyed.

(2) Other carcasses and parts of mules found abnormal or diseased upon inspection under this section shall be disposed of in accordance with such provisions of the Meat Inspection Regulations (Subchapter A of this chapter) as are deemed applicable by the Administrator.